

(c) and (d) Presently construction of buildings in Delhi is governed by the Building Bye-laws which take care of the structural safety of the buildings constructed / proposed to be constructed. These Building Bye-laws are regulated and implemented through various agencies like the Delhi Development Authority, Municipal Corporation of Delhi and New Delhi Municipal Council. The Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation has also been emphasizing the need for strict[†] curbing any violation of the Building Bye-laws by any person or persons and has been stressing upon the local bodies / authorities to take action as per rules and Acts against unauthorised constructions. However, to give a greater thrust for making buildings earthquake resistant and structurally more sound prospectively, the Ministry has issued a public notice for inviting public objections and opinion. This modification proposes to make it mandatory that the structural design of foundation, masonry, timber, plain concrete etc. would be carried out taking into consideration the Indian Standards for earthquake protection of building and that the certificate of doing so would be signed by the owner and the architect.

Alternative Accommodation for Jhuggi Dwellers before Demolition

† 1153. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of people living in Jhuggies are made homeless every year in almost all the cities / towns of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government are going to make such an arrangement under which the Jhuggi dwellers are made homeless only when they have been provided with alternative accommodation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) Since Housing is a State subject, various State Governments are to take action to provide accommodation to jhuggi dwellers. However, the National Housing and Habitat Policy, 1998, which was placed in Parliament in July, 1998 states that "it shall be obligatory for public / private sector projects to provide home-stead land and housing as per norms prescribed for those who are displaced. Rehabilitation of the displaced would be an integral part of any project."

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.